THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION No.17366 OF 2007

14th AUGUST, 2007.

Between:

E. Ashok .. Petitioner.

And

1. The Government of A.P., rep. By its Secretary, Mines & Minerals Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad and 5 others. … Respondents.

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking a direction to the respondents 1 to 4 to forthwith stop the illegal activities of blasting and quarrying of mineral in Sy.Nos.448 and 458 of Gowdavalli Village, Medchal Mandal, Rangareddy District.

The petitioner who claims to be the owner of the adjacent land situated in Sy.Nos.448 and 458 to an extent of 231 acres alleges that the respondents 5 and 6 have been indulging in unauthorized blasting of the rocks, causing damage to the crops and the houses of the petitioner and other neighbours. It is alleged that the petitioner lodged a complaint with the 4th respondent on 8-6-2007, on the basis of which First Information Report No.194 of 2007 was registered for the offences under Sections 286 and 427 of IPC. That apart, the petitioner also submitted representations to the respondents 1 to 4 complaining about the illegal mining operations by the respondents 5 and 6. However, they failed to initiate any action to stop the illegal blasting activities. Hence, this writ petition.

Having heard the learned Counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader appearing for the 2nd respondent and having regard to the fact that the petitioner has already made representation before the respondents 1 to 3 bringing to their notice the alleged illegal blasting operations by the respondents 5 and 6, without expressing any opinion as to the correctness of the allegations, the Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents 1 to 3 to consider the complaint made by the petitioner and to take

appropriate steps in accordance with law after affording due opportunity to the respondents 5 and 6 to rebut the allegations made by the petitioner. No costs.

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(G. ROHINI, J.)

14th August, 2007.

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